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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE IN AFRICA: SEPT 23

1. SOVIET AFRICAN COVERAGE IN CENTRAL PRESS IS QUITE LIGHT,
CONTAINS ANTI-U.S. ASPECT ONLY IN TASS HELSINKI REPORT IN
SEPT 23 PRAVDA ON WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) DECLARATION ON NAMIBIA.
MEDIA IGNORE SECRETARY'S TRAVELS INCLUDING DEPARTURE FROM ZAIRE AND
ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI.

2. WPC ITEM CALLS FOR PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA TO DETERMINE OWN FUTURE
WITHOUT "OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE", SPEAKS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIMES
AND "THEIR SUPPORTERS", AND DECLARES SWAPO TO BE "ONLY LAWFUL"
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PARTY AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE

PEOPLE."

3. WPC OPPOSES U.S. POLICY OF "PROCRASTINATION" IN ME, SAYS THIS TACTIC IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS GOAL OF UNDERMINING UNITY OF COUNTRIES OF REGION AND SUPPRESSING LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF SWAPO AND OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH PUPPET REGIMES.

4. OTHERWISE, AFRICA COVERAGE IS EXTREMELY LIGHT IN CENTRAL PRESS. SEPT 22 IZVESTIYA HAS NO STORY BUT ONLY PHOTOS (TWO) OF ARMED PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH AFRICAN "SPECIAL UNITS" AND SEPT 23 KZ HAS TASS MAPUTO ITEM ON WAVE OF ARRESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE SHORT ARTICLE FROM BAMAKO ON CREATION OF MASS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, DEMOCRATIC UNION OF MALIAN PEOPLE.

5. PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT PAGE ONE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PODGORNYY SYMPATHY CABLE TO MOZAMBIKAN PRESIDENT MACHEL ON OCCASION OF MINE DISASTER AT MOATIZE.
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